(a) whether it is a fact that the visa-on-arrival scheme for foreign tourists arriving at Indian ports has since been dispensed with;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the scheme proposed to be launched this year would effect the flow of foreign tourists traffic to India; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to augment arrival of the foreign tourists in the country?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Modalities for its implementation are being worked out. In order to facilitate tourists and increase tourists arrivals the proposal of visa-on-arrival is *inter-alia* being actively pursued by the Ministry of Tourism with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

National Tourism Advisory Council

592. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to constitute a National Tourism Advisory Council at the Centre and State level;

(b) if so, the composition of the Council; and

(c) whether journalists promoting tourism through specialised tourism related magazines would also be included in the proposed Council and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Government have decided to constitute a Tourism Advisory Council at national level.

(b) and (c) The matter is under consideration of the Government.